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11	Senator Cowin moved the following amendment:		
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13	<b>Senate Amendment (with title amendment)</b>		
14	On page 3, line 12, through page 4, line 2, delete		
15	those lines		
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17	and insert:		
18	Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 39.011,		
19	Florida Statutes, to read:		
20	39.011 Immunity from liability.--		
21	<u>(4) RIGHTS OF CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILD WELFARE</u>		
22	<u>WORKERS WHILE UNDER INVESTIGATION.--Whenever a child</u>		
23	<u>protection worker or child welfare worker is under</u>		
24	<u>investigation for any reason which could lead to disciplinary</u>		
25	<u>action, demotion, or dismissal, resulting from alleged</u>		
26	<u>wrongdoing in a child abuse, abandonment, or neglect case,</u>		
27	<u>such investigation shall be conducted under the following</u>		
28	<u>conditions:</u>		
29	<u>(a) The child protection worker or child welfare</u>		
30	<u>worker shall be informed of the nature of the investigation.</u>		
31	<u>(b) The child protection worker or child welfare</u>		

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1 worker shall not be threatened with transfer, dismissal, or  
2 disciplinary action and shall be reassigned to another  
3 nonsensitive position with pay pending the outcome of the  
4 investigation.

5 (c) At the request of any child protection worker or  
6 child welfare worker under investigation, he or she shall have  
7 the right to be represented by counsel or any other  
8 representative of his or her choice, who shall be present at  
9 all times during the investigation whenever the investigation  
10 relates to the worker's continued fitness for public service.

11 (d) If the child protection worker or child welfare  
12 worker under investigation is under arrest, or is likely to be  
13 placed under arrest as a result of the investigation, he or  
14 she shall be completely informed of all his or her rights  
15 prior to the commencement of the investigation.

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18 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

19 And the title is amended as follows:

20 On page 1, line 5, after the word "agents;"

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22 insert:

23 amending s. 39.011, F.S.; providing for rights  
24 of certain workers while under investigation;

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